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Subject: Fisheries Order 200.15A
Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 200 establishes regulations for trout, salmon, whitefish, lake herring, and smelt. The Department proposes to designate three additional "research" waters to evaluate a 10 brook trout bag limit in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Department proposes to modify the following coldwater species regulations: changing the statewide Type 4 brook trout minimum size limit, modifying Lake Michigan lake trout management unit regulations, moving to unify Lake Huron lake trout and splake regulations, establishing adfluvial brook trout restoration areas on certain waters, place three additional waters into the 10 brook trout research study, adding several new waters, removing several waters, modifying the Type regulations on one water, and one clarification.

Statewide Type 4 Brook Trout Size Limit Change

In 2000, Fisheries Division broadly revised its regulations for trout streams, which included regulations specific to different stream types. Type 4 streams were considered to have characteristics that allowed for limited to no natural reproduction of trout, and largely occupied seasonally by stocked or wild salmonids. Since these streams were not expected to provide significant fisheries for brook trout during the possession season (last Saturday in April to September 30), the minimum size limit (MSL) for brook trout was set to 8". At the time this was identical to the MSL used for brook trout in Type 1 streams, which represent the vast majority of Michigan's trout streams. In 2011, the MSL for brook trout in Type 1 streams was reduced to 7", while remaining at 8" for Type 4 streams. The Department proposes to reduce the MSL for brook trout to 7" in Type 4 streams to add consistency and simplicity in brook trout MSL's among most Michigan stream types. This recommendation is considered a minor change since there are 130 Type 4 streams and only a few have local populations of brook trout. This proposal would align the brook trout MSL for Type 1 streams, which represents the majority of Michigan trout streams. Discussions with anglers during public meetings revealed that anglers are supportive of reducing the Type 4 brook trout MSL to 7".

Lake Michigan Lake Trout Regulations

The Department is proposing changes to the regulations for the harvest of lake trout by State anglers (recreational anglers and charter boat anglers) in Lake Michigan. The Department proposes modifying lake trout management unit regulations to reduce the lake trout daily possession limit from three to two fish in units MM 1 – MM 5. Changes to size limit regulations involve the following: MM 1 – MM 3 will change from 20" - 25" with one fish 34" or greater to 15" – 27" with one fish 34" or greater; MM 4 will change from 20" – 25" with one fish 25" or greater to 15" – 27" with one fish 34" or greater; MM 5 will change from a MSL of 20" to 15". Lake trout management units MM 6 – MM 8 will remain at three fish with a reduction to the MSL from 20" to 15". The primary objectives of the proposed regulation changes are to ensure that valued recreational angling opportunities are provided for while keeping recreational lake trout harvest levels under the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) as defined by the 2000 Consent Decree. Meetings were held in several locations to solicit public participation and a presentation with options to reduce risk of overharvest was conducted by staff. A draft proposal was developed and shared with all meeting attendees and posted on the Department's website for feedback. A majority of comments received indicate angler support (including the Michigan Charter Boat Association) with the proposal. The Lake Michigan Citizen's Advisory Committee and Law Enforcement Division are also supportive of the proposal.

Lake Huron Lake Trout Regulations

Lake Huron lake trout management units MH 1 and MH 2 currently have a possession season of May 1 – September 30 for lake trout and splake. The possession season for lake trout management units in the southern portion of Lake Huron (MH 3 – MH 6) is January 1 – September 30. The Department proposes to modify the harvest season to January 1 – September 30 for both species lake wide. The season closure for lake trout and splake in MH-1 and MH-2 unnecessarily limits fishing opportunity. Splake, in particular, are available during the winter months at some ports (e.g., Hessel), when current regulations do not allow for possession. The state allocation of lake trout has changed in MH 1 and MH 2 due to natural recruitment, and recreational angler harvest is well below the TAC. Expanding the possession season will increase fishing opportunity in the northern portion of Lake Huron and simplify the regulations by creating a single set of lake trout and splake regulations since the MSL is also the same throughout the lake. Extending the harvest season will increase angler opportunities and result in simpler fishing regulations. The change has the support of anglers, the Lake Huron Citizens Advisory Committee and Law Enforcement Division.

Adfluvial Brook Trout Restoration Areas

In 2012, the Natural Resources Commission recommended that the Department explore sport fishing regulations that would protect large brook trout that migrate into the coastal streams of Lake Superior (known as coasters). In 1997, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources embarked on a coaster rehabilitation program using more restrictive sport fishing regulations for brook trout (20-inch MSL and one fish possession limit). They were able to document an increase in abundance of larger and older brook trout in stream assessment surveys conducted 10 years after the more restrictive regulations were enacted. Similar brook trout population responses were noted in Lake Nipigon waters after more restrictive regulations were set in place by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Restoration of coaster runs in Michigan may require protective stream regulations, with minimum size and possession limits similar to those presently in effect on Lake Superior. Therefore, the Department proposes to implement more protective brook trout regulations in an attempt to restore coaster brook trout in the following waters: Big Garlic River and tributaries (Marquette County), Big Huron River (Baraga and Marquette Counties), Iron River (Marquette County), Little Huron River (Marquette County), Pilgrim River (Houghton County), Portage/Torch Lake system (including Portage River, Ship Canal, North and

South Entry, Houghton County), Ravine River (Baraga County), Silver River (Baraga County), and Slate River (Baraga County). Several public meetings were held to solicit citizen input on the proposal and it was also presented at the Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Committee where it garnered more support.

Inland Trout Regulation Changes for Lake Types

The following waters are proposed to be added as new trout waters. Survey information indicated that these waters have good habitat for trout and are expected to provide anglers with increased trout fishing opportunities.

Lost Lake (Otsego County) as Type D
North Twin Lake (Otsego County) as Type D
South Twin Lake (Otsego County) as Type D

The following waters are proposed to be removed as trout waters due to poor survival of trout. General statewide regulations will apply to these waters and the Michigan Fishing Guide will no longer advertise these lakes as being managed for trout.

Blanchard Millpond (Isabella County) as Type A
Cecilia's Pond (Marquette County) as Type A
Alberta Pond (Baraga County) as Type B
Lake Fanny Hooe (Keweenaw County) as Type B
Paulding Pond (Ontonagon County) as Type B
Dutch Fred Lake (Schoolcraft County) as Type D
Big Trout Lake (Marquette County) as Type E

The following lake is proposed to be reclassified into a different lake Type with higher size limits on brook trout and splake. A recent survey indicated that there are abundant yellow perch and protecting brook trout and splake to larger sizes may increase predation on the yellow perch population. Protecting brook trout and splake to larger sizes will also enhance the quality of the fishery for anglers interested in larger trout.

Lake Arfelin (Marquette County) change from Type B to Type E

The final change involves adding Antrim County to the Type 4 stream regulation listing for the Torch River. This omission has caused some confusion for anglers since the Torch River is the border for Antrim and Kalkaska Counties.

Issue Pros and Cons?

There are several tools that managers can use to manage harvest including: size limits, possession limits, fishing season, and gear restrictions. Size limits allow anglers to harvest fish of a certain size while affording protection to fish outside of the legal size limit. It is imperative that managers adjust size limits when survey information indicates that greater protection is warranted for some fish stocks. In other cases, survey information may identify a size class of fish where angler opportunities for harvest could be increased. Great Lakes lake trout are a shared resource which requires annual assessment work and coordination between the parties to manage harvest together. In some circumstances, size limits must be changed in order to reduce the risk of overharvesting a resource which may invoke penalties associated with a TAC violation. When harvest seasons are expanded it results in increased fishing opportunities for

anglers. Species restoration efforts, like those to restore coaster brook trout populations, are important for the Department and the trout fishing community.

Great Lakes lake trout management involves following the stipulations of the 2000 Consent Decree which focuses on lake trout harvest. If changes to lake trout regulations are not made, there could be some negative repercussions should Michigan state-licensed anglers surpass the TAC. The result would be a harvest limit penalty which could severely limit lake trout sport fishing opportunities.

Conversely, varying size limit regulations can be viewed as an increase in regulatory complexity which can confuse or drive away some anglers. More protective fishing regulations can reduce the opportunities for harvest which can lead to angler dissatisfaction or unlawful activities.

Neighboring States

States with trout fisheries use regulations to limit harvest much the same as Michigan does. Great Lake neighbors co-manage Great Lakes sport fish stocks together cooperatively.

Biological

Changes to the trout regulations are all based upon biology. Fish populations are always changing and the Department uses survey and assessment information to better manage the fisheries. Reduced or limited fish populations require greater protection from harvest compared to those fish populations which are more abundant and robust.

Social

Trout regulations can be a social issue for anglers who either harvest trout for consumption or those who would prefer to protect any trout from harvest. At times, there is a difficult balancing act that the Department must navigate through in order to provide a wide range of angling opportunities for trout anglers. Restoration efforts to enhance coaster brook trout populations is valued and supported by many angling and non-angling groups.

Economic

There are no anticipated significant economic gains or losses expected from the passage of these proposals. However, there could be minor economic gains attributed to enhancing trout fisheries in the Great Lakes and inland waters.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on March 19, 2015, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appears on the Department's March 10, 2015 calendar and may be eligible for approval on April 9, 2015.



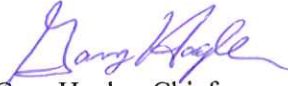
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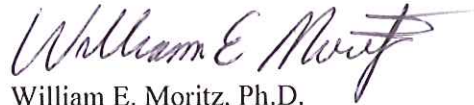
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh, Director

Date

FISHERIES ORDER

Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations Order 200.15A

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered that effective April 9, 2015, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The following regulations are established for trout, salmon, whitefish, lake herring, and smelt:

LAKE TROUT MANAGEMENT UNITS – Great Lakes

Lake Michigan

MM-1 is bounded on the southeast and south by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary in Green Bay and on the east by a north-south line beginning near Fairport in Delta County at Longitude 086°40'W and extending south to the Wisconsin-Michigan border.

MM-2 is bounded on the west by MM-1, on the east by a north-south line beginning about 4 miles west of Seul Choix Point in Schoolcraft County at Longitude 086°00'W and extending southward to Latitude 45°20'N, and on the south by an east-west line at Latitude 45°20'N that extends west from Longitude 086°00'W to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-3 is bounded on the west by a north-south line from the shore about 4 miles west of Seul Choix Point in Schoolcraft County at Longitude 86°00'W and extending southward to its intersection with Latitude 45°10' N, on the east by the Mackinac Bridge, and on the south by an east-west line from Longitude 086°00'W at Latitude 45°10' N and extending eastward to the shore about 4 miles north of Eastport in Antrim County.

MM-4 includes all waters of Grand Traverse Bay south of Latitude 45°10'N.

MM-5 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by an east-west line beginning on the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary at Latitude 45°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 086°00'W, then southward along said longitude to Latitude 45°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to its intersection with the west shore of Leelanau County, and on the south by an east-west line beginning near Arcadia in Manistee County at Latitude 44°30'N and extending west to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-6 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by MM-5, and on the south by an east-west line from Little Sable Point in Oceana County at Latitude 43°40'N and extending westward to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-7 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by MM-6, and on the south by an east-west line from the Michigan shore about 4 miles north of Holland in Ottawa County at Latitude 42°50'N and extending westward to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-8 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary and the Michigan-Illinois boundary, on the north by MM-7, and on the south by the Michigan-Indiana boundary.

Lake Huron

MH-1 is bounded on the west by the Mackinac Bridge, on the north by an east west line from the village of Detour in Chippewa County at Latitude 46°00'N to the west shore of Drummond Island and

an east-west line from the east shore of Drummond Island at Latitude 46°00'N to the international boundary, and on the east and south by a line beginning where Longitude 083°30'W intersects the international boundary near Drummond Island in Chippewa County and extending southward along said longitude to Latitude 45°30'N, then extending westward along said latitude to Longitude 083°40'W, then extending southward along said longitude to shore about 3.5 miles southeast of Adams Point in Presque Isle County.

MH-2 is bounded on the north by MH-1, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by an east-west line extending from the shore about one mile north of Black River in Alcona County at Latitude 44°50'N and extending eastward along said latitude to the International boundary.

MH-3 is bounded on the north by MH-2, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by a line beginning on the shore on Au Sable Point in Iosco County at Latitude 44°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 083°10'W, then southward along said longitude to Latitude 44°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MH-4 is bounded on the north by MH-3 and on the east by a north-south line beginning on the shore about 2.6 miles southeast of Point aux Barques light in Huron County at Latitude 44°00'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 082°40'W, then northward along said longitude to the southern boundary with MH-3 at Latitude 44°10'N.

MH-5 is bounded on the west by MH-4, on the north MH-3, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by an east-west line beginning on the shore in the village of Forester in Sanilac County at Latitude 43°30'N and extending eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MH-6 is bounded on the north by MH-5, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by the Blue Water Bridge in St. Clair County at Latitude 43°00'N.

Lake Superior

MI-1 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Minnesota boundary, on the north by the international boundary, and on the south by a line beginning on the Minnesota boundary at Latitude 47°40'N extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 088°30'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°50'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 088°00'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 48°00'N then eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MI-2 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Minnesota and the Michigan-Wisconsin boundaries, on the north by MI-1, and on the east by a north-south line extending from the shore about 2.6 miles southwest of Fourteen Mile Point in Ontonagon County northward at Longitude 089°10'W to the southern border of MI-1 at Latitude 47°40'N.

MI-3 is bounded on the west by MI-2, on the north by MI-1, and on the east by a line extending northward from the shore about 1.4 miles east of Copper Harbor in Keweenaw County at Longitude 087°50'W to Latitude 47°30'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°40'W then northward along said longitude to the international border.

MI-4 is bounded on the west by MI-3, on the north by the international boundary, and on the southeast and east by a line beginning on the shore at Pine River Point in Marquette County at Longitude 087°50'W and extending northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°00'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°30'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°10'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°20'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°20'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°00'W then northward to the international boundary.

MI-5 is bounded on the west and north by MI-4 and on the east by a north-south line beginning on Laughing Fish Point in Alger County at Longitude 087°00'W and extending northward to Latitude 47°20'N.

MI-6 is bounded on the west by MI-4 and MI-5, on the north by the international boundary, and on the east by a north-south line beginning on Au Sable Point in Alger County at Longitude 086°10'W and extending northward to the international boundary.

MI-7 is bounded on the west by MI-6, on the north by the international boundary, and on the east by a north-south line beginning about four miles east of Crisp Point in Luce County at Longitude 085°20'W and extending northward to the international boundary

MI-8 is bounded on the west by MI-7, on the north and east by the international boundary with the easternmost border formed by a line from Brush Point in Chippewa County to Point aux Pins Ontario in the upper St. Marys River.

SECTION I. Seasons--General

Except as otherwise noted in the following sections of this Order, the fishing and possession seasons on non-designated trout streams and all other inland waters, the Saginaw River, and the Great Lakes and connecting waters are open for the entire year for all trout, salmon, lake whitefish, and lake herring.

Exceptions to the general possession season:

- 1) The possession season for lake trout shall be January 1 through September 30 in **MM-1** through **MM-5**.
- 2) The possession season for lake trout shall be January 1 through October 31 in **MM-6** through **MM-8**.
- 3) The possession season for lake trout and splake shall be January 1 through September 30 in **MH-1** through **MH-6**.

SECTION II. Lake Whitefish and Lake Herring

Size and daily possession limits for lake whitefish and lake herring

On all waters, there is no minimum size limit for lake whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) or lake herring (*Coregonus artedii*). The daily possession limit shall be twelve (12) fish in any combination, except the daily possession limit shall be five (5) fish in any combination on Chicagon Lake and Lake Ottawa (Iron County).

SECTION III. Rainbow Smelt

Size, daily possession limits, season, and gear for rainbow smelt

On all waters, there is no minimum size limit for rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*). The daily harvest/possession limit for smelt on all waters of the state shall be 2 gallons. The harvest season is open all year for hook-and-line. See FO-219 for spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow seasons and FO-229 for netting seasons.

SECTION IV. Trout and Salmon—Great Lakes and Connecting Waters

Size limits

Minimum size limit shall be 10 inches for all species of trout and salmon, except as follows:

- 1) Brook trout

Lake Superior

- a) **MI-1** through **MI-8**: the minimum size limit for brook trout shall be 20 inches.

2) Lake trout

Lake Michigan

- a) **MM-1, MM-2, MM-3 and MM-4:** the minimum size limit shall be 15 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 27 inches, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) lake trout 34 inches or greater.
- b) **MM-5, MM-6, MM-7, and MM-8:** The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Huron

- a) **MH-1 through MH-6:** The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Superior

- a) **MI-1 through MI-8:** The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) lake trout 34 inches or greater.

3) Splake

Lake Michigan

- a) The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches in the waters of Delta and Menominee counties.

Lake Huron

- a) **MH-1 through MH-6:** The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Superior

- a) **MI-1 through MI-8:** The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Daily possession limit

Five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout*, lake trout, splake, or Atlantic salmon. Additional exceptions are:

1) Lake Superior

- a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) brook trout, except that the daily possession limit shall be zero (0) for brook trout within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale (waters of the Isle Royale National Park).
- b) The daily possession limit shall be five (5) lake trout in **MI-4, MI-5, MI-6, MI-7, and MI-8.**

2) St. Marys River

- a) The daily possession limit shall be ten (10) pink salmon from the last Saturday in April through September 30.

3) Lake Michigan

- a) The daily possession limit shall be two (2) lake trout in management units **MM-1, MM-2, MM-3, MM-4, and MM-5.**

***Note:** For the purpose of this Order rainbow trout refers to both rainbow trout and steelhead.

SECTION V: Trout and salmon in Inland Lakes

On those inland lakes designated below as Types A, B, C, D and E, the minimum size limits for Chinook salmon, coho salmon, pink salmon, and Atlantic salmon shall be as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Chinook salmon	10 inches
Coho salmon	10 inches
Pink salmon	10 inches
Atlantic salmon	15 inches

Notwithstanding any other Order of the Department, for any inland lake not classified below the fishing and possession seasons are open for the entire year to the taking of trout, the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches, the daily possession limit shall be five (5) trout**, and all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.

****Note:** The daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Type A Lakes

- **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Tackle:** natural baits except minnows (dead or alive) and artificial lures may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	10 inches
Brown trout	12 inches
Rainbow trout	12 inches
Splake	12 inches
Lake trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type A lakes. Type A lakes are managed strictly for trout and, as such, are designated trout lakes.

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alcona	O'Brien Lake
Alger	Addis Lakes (T46N, R20W, S33)
Alger	Bette's Pond
Alger	Brian's Pond
Alger	Cole Creek Pond (T46N, R20W, S24)
Alger	Cox Pond (T46N, R19W, S13)
Alger	Grand Marais Lake
Alger	Hike Lake
Alger	Irwin Lake
Alger	Rock Lake
Alger	Rock River Pond
Alger	Sitka Lake (T48N, R13W, S9)
Alger	Sullivan Lake (T49N, R15W, S21)
Alger	Trueman Lake
Alger	West John's Lake (T48N, R13W, S26)
Chippewa	Dukes Lake
Chippewa	Highbanks Lake
Chippewa	Naomikong Lake
Chippewa	Naomikong Pond
Chippewa	Trout Brook Pond
Crawford	Bright Lake
Crawford	Kneff Lake
Crawford	Shupac Lake
Delta	Bear Lake

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Delta	Carr Lake (T43N, R18W, S36)
Delta	Carr Ponds (T43N, R18W, S26)
Delta	Kilpecker Pond (T43N, R18W, S11)
Delta	Norway Lake
Delta	Wintergreen Lake (T43N, R18W, S36)
Delta	Zigmaul Pond
Gogebic	Castle Lake
Gogebic	Cornelia Lake
Gogebic	Mishike Lake
Houghton	Penegor Lake
Iron	Deadman's Lake (T41N, R32W, S5 & 8)
Iron	Fortune Pond (T43N, R33W, S25)
Iron	Hannah-Webb Lake
Iron	Killdeer Lake
Iron	Madelyn Lake
Iron	Skyline Lake
Iron	Spree Lake
Keweenaw	No Name Pond (T57N, R31W, S8)
Luce	Bennett Springs Lake
Luce	Brockies Pond (T46N, R11W, S1)
Luce	Bullhead Lake (T49N, R11W, S34)
Luce	Dairy Lake
Luce	Dillingham Lake
Luce	Holland Lake
Luce	Jack Lake
Luce	Little Whorl Lake
Luce	Pratt Lake
Luce	Silver Creek Pond
Luce	Spring Creek Pond
Luce	Syphon Lake
Luce	Trout Lake
Luce	Ward Lake
Luce	Wolverine Lake
Luce	Youngs Lake
Mackinac	Castle Rock Pond
Mackinac	Millecoquins Pond
Marquette	Bedspring Lake
Marquette	Clear Lake
Marquette	Cranberry Lake (T45N, R30W, S10)
Marquette	Just Lake
Marquette	Island Lake (T45N, R30W, S14)
Marquette	Log Lake
Marquette	Moccasin Lake
Marquette	Section 13 Lake
Marquette	Silver Lake (T46N, R24W, S32)
Marquette	Slough Lake
Marquette	Swanzy Lake
Oscoda	Crater Lake
Otsego	Pickerel Lake

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Schoolcraft	Kings Pond
Schoolcraft	Lost Lake
Schoolcraft	Spring Pond

Type B Lakes

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	10 inches
Brown trout	12 inches
Rainbow trout	12 inches
Splake	12 inches
Lake trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type B lakes. Those lakes marked with an asterisk (*) are designated trout lakes.

Type B Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alcona	Reid Lake*
Alcona	South Hoist Lake
Alger	Ackerman Lake
Alger	Cheryl's Pond (T44N, R19W, S25)
Alger	Kay's Pond
Alger	Mirror Lake
Alger	North (Upper) Shoe Lake (T48N, R17W, S36)
Alger	Sawaski Pond (T44N, R19W, S14)
Antrim	Green Lake
Baraga	Roland Lake*
Barry	Deep Lake
Cass	Birch Lake
Cass	Hemlock Lake
Charlevoix	Louise Lake
Cheboygan	Silver Lake
Cheboygan	Twin Lake #1
Cheboygan	Weber Lake
Dickinson	Bass Lake
Emmet, Charlevoix	Walloon Lake
Gogebic	Beatons Lake
Gogebic	Black River Lake
Gogebic	Finger Lake
Gogebic	Imp Lake
Gogebic	Little Duck Lake*
Gogebic	Moon Lake
Grand Traverse	Duck Lake

Type B Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Grand Traverse	Green Lake
Houghton	Emily Lake
Houghton	Lake Gerald
Houghton	Lake on Three
Houghton	Roland Lake
Iron	Camp Lake (T42N, R35W, S7, 17, 18)
Iron	Caspian Pond (T42N, R35W, S1)
Iron	Chicagon Lake
Iron	Ellen Lake
Iron	Fortune Lake (T42N, R33W, S4,5)
Iron	Golden Lake
Iron	Long Lake
Iron	Lake Ottawa
Kalamazoo	Little Paw Paw Lake (T3S, R12W, S31)
Kalkaska	Bear Lake
Kalkaska	Big Blue Lake
Kalkaska	North Blue Lake
Luce	Camp 8 Lake*
Luce	Pretty lake*
Luce	Tank Lake
Marquette	Angeline Lake
Marquette	Bass Lake (T45N, R26W, S29)
Marquette	Brocky Lake
Marquette	Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11)
Marquette	Crooked Lake
Marquette	Forestville Basin (T48N, R25W, S8)
Marquette	Little Brocky Lake
Marquette	Little Shag Lake
Marquette	Perch Lake (T46N, R29W, S8)
Marquette	Silver Lake Basin
Marquette	Squaw Lake
Marquette	Twin Lake (T45N, R30W, S23)
Montmorency	Avalon Lake
Montmorency	Clear Lake
Montmorency	Lake Fifteen
Montmorency	McCormick Lake
Ogemaw	Lake George (T21N, R2E, S18)
Ontonagon	Courtney Lake
Ontonagon	Mirror Lake
Oscoda	Loon Lake
Otsego	Big Chub Lake
Otsego	Bridge Lake
Otsego	Heart Lake
Presque Isle	Bear Den Lake* (T33N, R2E, S32)
Schoolcraft	Banana Lake*
Schoolcraft	Bear Lake* (Nineteen Lake, T44N, R18W, S27)

Type C Lakes

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	8 inches
Brown trout	8 inches
Rainbow trout	8 inches
Splake	8 inches
Lake trout	8 inches

Following is a listing of Type C lakes.

Type C Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Antrim	Bellaire Pond
Berrien	Singer Lake
Branch	Cary Lake
Branch	Lake Lavine
Cass	Harwood Lake
Grand Traverse	Sand Lake #1
Hillsdale	Bear Lake
Hillsdale	Bird Lake
Hillsdale	Hemlock Lake
Jackson	Farwell Lake (T4S, R2W, S25/36)
Jackson	Swains Lake
Kalamazoo	Ruppert Lake
Kalkaska	Big Guernsey Lake
Kalkaska	Big Twin Lake
Kalkaska	Starvation Lake
Kent	Lime Lake
Kent	Marjella Lake (T10N, R11W, S18)
Leelanau	Lime Lake
Lenawee	Allens Lake (T5S, R2E, S10)
Lenawee	Deep Lake
Livingston	Trout Lake (T1N, R6E, S1)
Montcalm	Marl Lake
Montcalm	Nevins Lake
Muskegon	Half Moon Lake
Newaygo	Condon Lake
Oakland	Maceday Lake (T3N, R9E, S7)
Ontonagon	Trout Creek Pond (T47N, R38W, S14)
Osceola	Center Lake
Presque Isle	Trout Creek Pond (T3S, R5E, S17)
Van Buren	Shafer Lake
Washtenaw	Pickarel Lake

Type D Lakes

- **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Tackle:** only artificial lures may be used. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	15 inches
Brown trout	15 inches
Rainbow trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Lake trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type D lakes. Type D lakes are managed for trout and, as such, are designated trout lakes.

Type D Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Baraga	Lake Alice
Cheboygan	Hemlock Lake (T3N, R1W, S34, 35)
Gogebic	Redboat Lake
Houghton	Clear Lake
Houghton	Perrault Lake
Iosco	Buck Creek Pond
Iron	Forest Lake
Iron	Timber Lake
Keweenaw	Lost Lake
Luce	Deer Lake
Luce	Moon Lake
Luce	Sid Lake
Marquette	Keyhole Lake, East
Marquette	South Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28)
Marquette	Pauls Lake, North
Marquette	Pauls Lake, South
Marquette	Rockingchair Lake, N., (T49N, R28W, S10)
Marquette	Rockingchair Lake, S., (T49N, R28W, S10)
Marquette	Strawberry Lake
Otsego	Ford Lake (T32N, R1W, S8)
Otsego	Lost Lake
Otsego	North Twin Lake
Otsego	Section Four Lake (T32N, R1W, S4)
Otsego	South Twin Lake
Otsego	West Lost Lake (T32N, R1W, S3)
Schoolcraft	Ned's Lake
Schoolcraft	Twilight Lake

Type E Lakes

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** three (3) trout.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	15 inches
Brown trout	15 inches
Rainbow trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Lake trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type E lakes.

Type E Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alger	Grand Sable Lake
Antrim	Torch Lake
Antrim, Grand Traverse	Elk Lake
Barry, Kalamazoo	Gull Lake
Benzie	Crystal Lake
Charlevoix	Lake Charlevoix
Cheboygan	Tower Pond (from dam upstream to M-68)
Leelanau	North Lake Leelanau
Leelanau	Big Glen Lake
Luce	Belle Lake 1
Luce	Peanut Lake
Marquette	Lake Arfelin
Marquette	Sporely Lake
Roscommon	Higgins Lake

Type F Lakes (Drowned River-Mouth Lakes)**NOTE:**

- 1) The following regulations shall apply in each drowned river-mouth lake identified below from the upstream limit of the lake to its mouth at Lake Michigan.
- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
 - **Possession season:**
 - 1) For lake trout, January 1 through October 31; except that the possession season for lake trout shall be January 1 through September 30 for Betsie Lake.
 - 2) For all other species of trout and salmon, open for the entire year.
 - **Tackle:** all types of natural baits and artificial lures may be used.
 - **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except:
 - 1) Excluding Chinook salmon and coho salmon, the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) of any one species of trout or salmon.
 - 2) The daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Chinook salmon or coho salmon in any combination.
 - **Size limits:** minimum size limit: 10 inches for all species of trout and salmon.

Following is a listing of Type F lakes.

Type F Trout Lakes		
County	Lake Name	Upstream Limit
Allegan	Kalamazoo Lake/Silver Lake	US 31
Benzie	Betsie Lake	M-22
Manistee	Arcadia Lake	Inlet of Bowens Creek
Manistee	Manistee Lake	Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, 16W, S6)
Manistee	Portage Lake	
Mason	Pere Marquette Lake	Old 31 Highway
Muskegon	Duck Lake	Nestrom Rd.
Muskegon	Mona Lake	US 31
Muskegon	Muskegon Lake	M-120
Muskegon	White Lake	Business Route US 31
Oceana	Pentwater Lake	Confluence of North and South Branch of Pentwater River
Oceana	Silver Lake	
Oceana	Stony Lake	Inlet of Stony Creek (Scenic Dr., T13N, R18W, S5)
Ottawa	Lake Macatawa	River Ave.
Ottawa	Pigeon Lake	Lakeshore Dr.

SECTION VI. Trout and Salmon on Inland Streams

NOTES:

- 1) Fisheries Order 210 provides a listing of all designated trout streams in Michigan. Some of the streams listed in FO-210 appear in FO-200 (see section VI) as Types 2, 3, 4 or gear restricted streams. Type 1 streams are not listed in FO-200. If a stream name appears in FO-210, but not in FO-200 (section VI), then Type 1 stream regulations apply to that stream.
- 2) Notwithstanding any other Order of the Department, for any inland stream not classified below the fishing and possession seasons are open for the entire year to the taking of trout and salmon, the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches, the daily possession limit shall be five (5) trout and salmon in any combination***, and all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- 3) On all waters open to possession, the daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Chinook salmon or coho salmon, in any combination.
- 4) "Artificial flies" means any commonly accepted single hooked wet and dry flies, streamers, and nymphs without spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. The fly or leader may be weighted but no weight shall be attached to the fly or to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook.
- 5) On stream Types 1 through 4, size limits for brook trout and brown trout vary by stream type and may be found in the regulation section for each stream type. For all other species of trout and salmon, size limits shall be as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Chinook salmon	10 inches
Coho salmon	10 inches
Pink salmon	10 inches
Atlantic salmon	10 inches
Lake trout	10 inches
Rainbow trout	10 Inches
Splake	10 Inches

***Note: The daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Type 1 Streams

- **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Additional exception:

1) Platte River

- a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) rainbow trout from the Upper (Hatchery) Platte River Weir downstream to Lake Michigan.

- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	7 inches
Brown trout	8 inches

Type 2 Streams

- **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	10 inches
Brown trout	12 inches

Following is a listing of Type 2 streams.

<u>Type 2 Streams</u>			
<u>County</u>	<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Upstream Boundary</u>	<u>Downstream Boundary</u>
Alcona, Oscoda	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge)	4001 Bridge
Allegan	Silver Creek	M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River
Antrim, Crawford. Otsego	Manistee River		Co. Rd. 612
Baraga, Houghton	Sturgeon River	US-41	Prickett Dam
Barry	Coldwater River	M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16)	Freeport Rd. Bridge (T5N, R9W, S36)
Barry	Unnamed tributary on North Bank Coldwater River (T4N, R7W, S18)		
Cass	Dowagiac Creek	McKenzie Rd. (T5S, R14W, S31)	M-62
Cheboygan, Otsego	Pigeon River	Old Vanderbilt Rd.	Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail
Crawford	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Business Loop 75 (James St.)	Burton's Landing

Type 2 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Gogebic	Black River	US-2	Rainbow Falls
Lake	Pine River	Elm Flats PAS (T20N, R12W, S2)	Confluence with Tippy Dam Backwaters
Marquette	Carp River	Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27)	Morgan Creek
Ontonagon	Middle Br. Ontonagon River		Agate Falls
St. Joseph	Curtis Creek and all tributaries		

Type 3 Streams

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	15 inches
Brown trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type 3 streams.

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona	Pine River	F-41	Lake Huron
Allegan	Black River	Confluence of North & South Branch Black River	Lake Michigan
Allegan	North Branch Black River	111 th Ave. (T1N, R16W, S3)	Confluence with mainstream
Allegan	Kalamazoo River	Calkins Dam (T2N, R14W, S15)	US-31
Alpena	Thunder Bay River	Ninth St. Dam	Lake Huron
Antrim	Elk River	Power Dam below Elk Lake	Lake Michigan
Arenac	Rifle River	Sage Lake Rd. (T23N, R3E, S22)	Lake Huron
Baraga	Falls River	US-41 Hwy	Lake Superior
Baraga	Sturgeon River	Prickett Dam	Lake Superior
Berrien	Dowagiac River	Niles Dam at Pucker St. (T7S, R17W, S13)	Confluence with St. Joseph River
Berrien	St. Joseph River	Indiana State Line	Lake Michigan
Cheboygan	Cheboygan River	Cheboygan Dam	Lake Huron
Emmet	Carp Lake River	Bridge (T39N, R4W, S32)	Lake Michigan

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Gogebic	Big Carp River	A point 100 yards downstream from Bathtub Falls (T50N, R45W, S1, NE¼, NW¼)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Black River	Rainbow Falls (T49N, R46W, S10)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Little Carp River	Traders Falls (T50N, R45W, S2)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Maple Creek	Bridge (T49N, R46W, S18)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Ohman Creek	Co. Rd. 505	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Presque Isle River	Manabezho Falls	Lake Superior
Grand Traverse	Boardman River	Sabin Dam	Lake Michigan
Houghton	Big Traverse River	Gay-Lake Linden Rd.	
Houghton	Otter River	Confluence of North Branch & West Branch Otter River	Sturgeon River
Houghton	Pilgrim River	US-41	Lake Superior
Houghton	Salmon-Trout River	Redridge Dam	Lake Superior
Huron	Bird Creek		
Huron	Pigeon River		
Huron	Pinnebog River		
Iosco	Au Sable River	Foote Dam	Lake Huron
Iosco	East Branch Au Gres River (Whitney Drain)	M-55 (T22N, R6E, S21)	Saginaw Bay
Iosco	Van Etten Creek	Van Etten Lake	Lake Huron
Iosco	Tawas River		
Isabella, Midland	Chippewa River	Outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35)	Confluence with the Tittabawassee River (T14N, R2E, S21)
Leelanau	Crystal River	Fisher Dam	Lake Michigan
Leelanau	Leland River	None	Lake Michigan
Manistee	Bear Creek	Co. Road 600	Confluence of Manistee River
Manistee	Manistee River	Tippy Dam	Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6)
Marquette	Carp River	Confluence of Morgan Creek (T47N, R25W, S4)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Chocolay River	Confluence of Big Creek (T47N, R24W, S9)	Lake Superior
Mason	Lincoln River	Confluence of North & South Branches of Lincoln River (T19N, R17W, S32)	Lake Michigan
Mason	Pere Marquette River	Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge)	Old US-31
Mason	Sable River	Hamlin Lake Dam	Lake Michigan
Midland, Saginaw	Tittabawassee River	Sanford Dam	Confluence with Saginaw River
Muskegon	Cedar Creek	River Rd.	Confluence of Muskegon River
Muskegon	Muskegon River	Bridge St. (New Bridge)	M-120

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Ontonagon	Big Iron River	Koshak Rd. Bridge (T49N, R43W, S2)	Lake Superior
Ontonagon	West Branch Big Iron River	Burnt Dam Bridge (T50N, R44W, S36)	Confluence with Big Iron River
Ontonagon	Little Iron River	Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, S1)	
Ontonagon	East Branch Ontonagon River	M-28	
Ontonagon	Firesteel (including East & West Branches)	M-26	
Ontonagon	Middle Branch Ontonagon River	Agate Falls	
Ontonagon	Misery River	Bridge (T53N, R37W, S15)	
Ontonagon	Ontonagon River		
Ontonagon	West Branch Ontonagon River	Confluence with Victoria Hydro Station Tail Race (T50N, R39W, S29, SE1/4 of SW1/4)	
Ontonagon	East Sleeping River	Railroad trestle (T53N, R38W, S25)	Lake Superior
Presque Isle	Swan River	US-23 Bridge	Lake Huron
Presque Isle	Trout River	Dam (T35N, R5E, S17)	Lake Huron
Saginaw	Saginaw River		Saginaw Bay
St. Clair	Black River	Private Dam in Port Huron State Game Area	Confluence with St. Clair River
Van Buren	South Branch Black River	Hamilton St. Bridge, (T2S, R16W, S1)	Confluence with Mainstream (T1S, R17W, S2)

Type 4 Streams

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:**
 - 1) For brook trout, brown trout and Atlantic salmon: the last Saturday in April through September 30.
 - 2) For all other species of trout and salmon, open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
Additional exceptions are:
 - 1) Little Manistee River
 - a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) rainbow trout from 300 feet downstream of the Little Manistee Weir down to Manistee Lake.
 - 2) Platte River
 - a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) rainbow trout from the Upper (Hatchery) Platte River Weir downstream to Lake Michigan.
- **Size limits:**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook trout	7 inches
Brown trout	10 inches

Following is a listing of Type 4 streams.

<u>Type 4 Streams</u>			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona, Iosco	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Alcona Dam	South Branch River
Alcona	Black River	Confluence with North Branch Black River	Lake Huron
Alger	Anna River	Railroad Bridge (T46N, R19W, S14)	Lake Superior
Alger	Au Train River	Powerhouse below M-94	Lake Superior
Alger	Hurricane River		Lake Superior
Alger	Laughing Whitefish River	Forks (T47N, R22W, S22)	Lake Superior
Alger	Miner's River	Miner's Falls	
Alger	Rock River	Railroad Bridge (T47N, R21W, S22)	Lake Superior
Alger	Sable Creek		
Alger	Sucker River	Old Grand Marais/Seney Rd. Bridge	
Allegan	Middle Branch Black River	Confluence of Spring Brook Creek (T1N, R15W, S22)	Confluence with Black River, Mainstream
Allegan	Gun River, Mainstream	122nd Ave., (T2N, R11W, S12)	US-131 bridge (T1N, R11W, S18)
Allegan	Pine Creek Tributary	101 st Ave.	Confluence with Pine Creek
Allegan	Swan Creek	109 th Ave. (T1N, R14W, S7)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River (T2N, R14W, S9)

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Allegan	Rabbit River, Mainstream	US-131 Bridge, (T4N, R11W, S31)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River (T3N, R15W, S16)
Alpena	Devils River	US-23 Bridge	Lake Huron
Alpena	Long Lake Creek	None	Lake Huron
Antrim	Elk River Bypass	Up to the Bypass Dam	Lake Michigan
Antrim	Grass River (including Clam Lake and Clam River)	Lake Bellaire	Torch Lake
Antrim	Intermediate River	Intermediate Dam	Lake Bellaire
Antrim, Charlevoix	Jordan River	Graves Crossing	Lake Charlevoix
Baraga	Huron River	Big Erics Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35)	
Baraga	Ravine River	Sicotte Rd.	
Baraga	Silver River	Silver Falls	
Baraga	Slate River	Slate Falls	
Barry	Bassett Creek	Baker Lake	Confluence with Thornapple River
Barry	Cedar Creek	Sources	M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9)
Barry, Kent	Coldwater River	Freeport Rd.	Confluence with Thornapple River
Barry	Turner Creek	T3N, R10W, S23	Confluence with Baker Creek (T3N, R10W, S9)
Benzie	Betsie River	Kurick Rd.	M-22
Benzie	Otter Creek	Otter Lake outlet (T27N, R14W, S13)	Lake Michigan
Benzie	Platte River	US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park	Lake Michigan
Berrien	Blue Creek		
Berrien	Galien River, Mainstream		Lake Michigan
Berrien	Galien River, South Branch		Confluence with the Galien River
Branch, St. Joseph	Prairie River, mainstream	Bowers Rd. (T8S, R7W, S4)	MacKale Rd. (T7S, R9W, S8)
Calhoun	Nottawa Creek	T3S, R5W, S35	Calhoun Co. line (T4S, R8W, S31)
Calhoun, Jackson	South Branch Rice Creek	Concord Rd. (Jackson Co.)	Confluence of Rice Creek and Kalamazoo River (T2S, R6W, S25)
Cass	Dowagiac Drain		
Cass	Dowagiac River, Mainstream	To source	Pucker St. (T7S, R17W, S13)
Charlevoix	Boyne River	P.H. Dam	Lake Charlevoix
Charlevoix, Emmet	Bear River	Walloon Lake	Lake Michigan

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Cheboygan, Emmet	Maple River	Dam (T36N, R4W, S10)	Mouth
Cheboygan	Mill Creek		Lake Huron
Cheboygan	Pigeon River	Pine Grove Campground Stairs	Mouth at Mullet Lake
Cheboygan	Sturgeon River	Afton Rd. (Webb Rd.)	Mouth at Burt Lake
Chippewa	Albany Creek	Bridge below lamprey weir	Lake Huron
Chippewa, Mackinac	Carp River, mainstream		Lake Huron
Chippewa	Halfaday Creek	Lakeshore Dr.	Lake Superior
Chippewa	Pendill's Creek	Second Dam (T47N, R4W, S28)	Lake Superior
Chippewa, Mackinac	Pine River	H-40 Bridge	Lake Huron
Crawford, Oscoda	Au Sable River, mainstream	McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge)	Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S4)
Delta	Bark River	9 Rd. (Section line between T38N, R24W, S20, 29)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Big Fishdam River	Co. Rd. 2222 Bridge (T41N, R18W, S9)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Days River	M-35 Bridge	Lake Michigan
Delta, Dickinson	Ford River	Northland Truck Trail (T43N, R27W, S35) Dickinson Co.	Lake Michigan
Delta	Rapid River	Co. Rd. S-15 (T42N, R21W, S19)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Sturgeon River	Co. Rd. 442 Bridge (T42N, R20W, S13)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Tacoosh River	29th Lane (County Rd. G-24)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Whitefish River	38th Rd.(USFS 2236)	Lake Michigan
Houghton	Elm River	Rd. Bridge between (T53N, R36W, S3, 10)	
Houghton	Little Elm River	Agate Beach Rd. (T53N, R36W, S6)	
Houghton	South Branch Elm River	Bridge (T54N, R36W, S29, 32)	
Houghton	Graveraet River	Mouth of Deer Creek (T45N, R36W, S2)	
Houghton	Trap Rock River	Cemetery Rd. (T56N, R32W, S29)	
Ionia	Dickerson Creek		
Ionia, Montcalm	Fish Creek	Sidney Rd.	Confluence with Maple River
Ionia, Montcalm	Prairie Creek	East Muskrat Rd.	Confluence with Grand River
Ionia	Sebewa Creek and all tributaries		
Kalamazoo	Augusta Creek	Little Gilkey Lake and Fair Lakes Outlets	Knappen Mills Dam

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Kalamazoo	Portage Creek		Kilgore Rd. (T3S, R11W, S3)
Kalkaska, Wexford	Manistee River	Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26)	M-115
Kalkaska	Rapid River	Antrim (Rugg) Pond	Torch River
Kalkaska, Antrim	Torch River	Torch Lake	Lake Skegemog
Kent	Nash Creek		Confluence with Rogue River
Kent	Ball Creek		Confluence with Rogue River
Kent	Buck Creek		Confluence with Grand River
Kent	Rogue River		Confluence with Grand River
Keweenaw	Eagle River	Dam, Eagle River Village	
Keweenaw	Fanny Hooe River	Lake Fanny Hooe	
Keweenaw	Gratiot River	Bridge (T57N, R32W, S19, 20)	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Silver Creek	Falls (T58N, R32W, S26)	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Silver River	M-26	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Tobacco River	Mouth of Black Brook Creek	
Lake, Manistee	Little Manistee River	Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge)	Manistee Lake
Lake, Mason	Pere Marquette River	Upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids	Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge)
Leelanau	Shalda Creek	Little Traverse Lake (T29N, R13W, S10)	Lake Michigan (T29N, R13W, S4)
Luce	Blind Sucker River	Blind Sucker Flooding Dam	
Luce	Two-Hearted River	Co. Rd. 407 (High Bridge)	Lake Superior
Mackinac	Black River	Peters Truck Trail Footbridge	
Mackinac	Brevoort River	Brevoort Lake	
Mackinac	Crow River	Outfall Of Amadon Pond	
Mackinac, Schoolcraft	Milakokia River	Inland-Limestone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1)	Lake Michigan
Mackinac	Millecoquins River	H-40 Bridge	Lake Michigan
Macomb	Clinton River	Yates Dam above Dequindre Rd.	Lake St. Clair
Macomb	North Branch Clinton River	Dam above Romeo-Plank Rd.	Confluence with Clinton River
Manistee	Manistee River	Hodenpyl Reservoir	Red Bridge
Marquette	Big Garlic River	Forks (T49N, R27W, S12)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Harlow Creek	Railroad Bridge (T49N, T26W, S24)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Iron River	Lake Independence Dam	Lake Superior
Mason	Big South Branch Pere Marquette River	Confluence Beaver and Winnepesaug Creeks	Confluence with Pere Marquette River
Mason	Sable River	Pole Bridge (T19N, R15W, S3)	Hamlin Lake

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo	Little Muskegon River		
Mecosta, Osceola	Muskegon River	US-10 (T18N, R8W, S34)	DNRE River Bend Bluffs PAS (T15N, R9W, S31)
Menominee	Big Cedar River	Veterans Memorial Park Dam (T38N, R26W, S9)	Lake Michigan
Menominee	Walton Creek	Westmann Dam (T35N, R25W, S18)	Lake Michigan
Montmorency	Thunder Bay River	Atlanta Dam	Sucker Creek confluence upstream of Hillman Pond
Muskegon	White River	Hesperia Dam	Lake Michigan
Newaygo	Muskegon River	Croton Dam	Bridge St. (New Bridge)
Newaygo	Tamarack Creek		
Oceana	Pentwater River	Hart Dam	Confluence with Pentwater Lake
Oceana	North Branch Pentwater River	Oceana Dr.	Confluence with Pentwater River, Mainstream
Oceana	North Branch White River	Arthur Rd.	Confluence with White River
Ontonagon	Union River	South Boundary Rd. (T51N, R42W, S22)	Lake Superior
Oscoda	Au Sable River, mainstream	Mio Dam	Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7)
Ottawa	Crockery Creek	Moore Rd.	Confluence with Grand River
Ottawa, Muskegon	North Branch Crockery Creek, Mainstream	Kenowa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36)	Confluence with Crockery Creek, Mainstream at Ravenna
Ottawa	Sand Creek		
Presque Isle	Ocqueoc River	Barnhart Lake	Lake Huron
Schoolcraft	Manistique River	Papermill Dam	
St. Clair	Belle River		
St. Clair	Mill Creek		Confluence with Black River
St. Joseph	Mill Creek and tributaries	Preston Rd. (T7S, R12W, S7)	Impoundment (T7S, R12W, S32)
St. Joseph	Unnamed tributary (T6S, R10W, S26)		
Van Buren	Brush Creek except Reynolds Lake Drain	63 rd Ave.	Confluence with Paw Paw River
Van Buren	South Branch Paw Paw River (Gates Drain or West Branch) and tributaries		

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Van Buren	Pine Creek		101st Ave. (T1N, R12W, S32)
Wayne	Huron River	Belleville Lake Dam	Lake Erie

Gear Restricted Streams

NOTE:

- 1) On any stream reach that is being managed under gear restrictions, it shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

Au Sable River, Mainstream (Crawford County) from Burton's Landing to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only
- **Daily Possession Limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 9.0 miles.

Au Sable River, mainstream (Crawford County) from South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 8.0 miles.

Au Sable River, mainstream (Oscoda County) from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 15.0 miles.

Au Sable River, North Branch (Crawford County) from Sheep Ranch to confluence with Mainstream

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches
- **Mileage:** 20.7 miles

Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 4.3 miles.

Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Lower High Banks to confluence with Mainstream

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 11.5 miles.

Black River (Otsego and Montmorency counties) from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/SE)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout; open for the entire year for brown trout and rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** five (5) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than two (2) brook trout.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 4.4 miles.

Cooks Run, (Iron County) from US Forest Hwy 16 to Confluence with South Branch Paint River

From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- **Fishing season:** October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 4.5 miles.

Duck Creek (Gogebic County) from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16 SE1/4 SE1/4) to Confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 6.5 miles.

Escanaba River (Delta County) from Boney Falls Dam to Mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 12 inches.
- **Mileage:** 14.2 miles.

Fox River (Schoolcraft County) from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28

From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- **Fishing season:** October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 7.6 miles.

Huron River (Oakland County) from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 Yards below Wixom Road (T2N, R7E, S13)

From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- **Fishing season:** April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 2.0 miles.

Little Manistee River (Lake County) from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24)

- **Fishing season:** open April 1 through December 31.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open April 1 through December 31 for all other species of trout and salmon.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) fish, any combination of trout and salmon.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 15 inches; all other species of trout and salmon – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 7.5 miles.

Manistee River (Crawford County) from CO. Rd. 612 to M-72

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 9.2 miles.

Manistee River (Crawford and Kalkaska counties) from M-72 to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 16.7 miles.

Paint Creek (Oakland County) from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.

- **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for all species of trout.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for all species of trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of trout – 14 inches.
- **Mileage:** 5.0 miles.

Paint River, South Branch (Iron County) from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8)

From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- **Fishing season:** October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 10.0 miles.

Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from M-37 to the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13)

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
- **Tackle:** artificial flies only.
- **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout and salmon; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout or salmon.
- **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout and salmon. Trout and salmon less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mileage:** 8.5 miles.

Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13) to the Upstream Edge of the Boat Ramp at Rainbow Rapids

From September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 4 regulations, with the following exceptions:

- **Fishing season:** September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- **Possession season:** September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** zero (0) brook trout; zero (0) brown trout; one (1) rainbow trout.
- **Size limits:** not applicable for brook trout and brown trout.

From the last Saturday in April through August 31, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through August 31.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through August 31.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout or salmon; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) brown trout 18 inches or greater, and except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) rainbow trout.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of salmon – 10 inches; brook trout – 8 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; rainbow trout – 8 inches; except that the harvest of fish greater than 14 inches and less than 18 inches shall be prohibited for brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout.
- **Mileage:** 10.5 miles.

Pigeon River (Cheboygan and Otsego counties) from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail to Pine Grove Campground Stairs

- **Fishing season:** open for the entire year.
- **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout.
- **Tackle:** artificial lures only.
- **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) brown trout.
- **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches.
- **Mileage:** 5.3 miles.

Research Areas

The following streams have ongoing research projects associated with them. Fishing regulations on these streams shall be as follows:

- 1) Salmon-Trout River (Marquette County) from Lower Falls (T51N, R28W, S13) down to Lake Superior: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through August 14; Possession season: last Saturday in April through August 14; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and no more than one (1) brook trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 18 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.

Experimental streams that allow anglers to retain five additional brook trout in the daily bag limit

- 2) Bryan Creek (Marquette and Dickinson Counties), from Spear Lake (T45N, R27W, S7) to confluence with West Branch of the Escanaba River (T44N, R26W, S28): Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.
- 3) Dead River and tributaries (Marquette County) from Hoist Dam to Silver Lake Dam: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.
- 4) Driggs River and tributaries (Schoolcraft County) from M-28 Bridge: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.
- 5) East Branch Huron River and tributaries (Baraga and Marquette Counties) from confluence with West Branch Huron River: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.
- 6) East Branch Ontonagon River and tributaries (Houghton and Iron Counties) from M-28 Bridge at Kenton: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.
- 7) East Branch Tahquamenon River and tributaries (Chippewa County) from M-123 Bridge: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily

possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.

- 8) Presque Isle River and its tributaries (Gogebic County), from Manabezho Falls (T50N, R45W, S30) upstream to the headwaters at the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary line: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.
- 9) Rock River and tributaries (Alger County), from railroad bridge (T47N, R21W, S22) upstream to the bridge crossing in T46N, R21W, S15: Fishing season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and five (5) additional brook trout may be retained as part of the daily possession limit; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.

Adfluvial Brook Trout Restoration Areas

The following locations have more restrictive brook trout regulations. Fishing regulations on these waters shall supersede those in other sections which in any way conflict with the following: the harvest season for brook trout is from the last Saturday in April – September 30, the minimum size limit on brook trout, lake trout, and splake shall be 20 inches with a daily possession limit of one (1) brook trout, lake trout or splake total combined.

- 1) Big Garlic River and tributaries (Marquette County), from County Road 550 (T50N, R26W, S33) downstream to Lake Superior (T50N, R26W, S21).
- 2) Big Huron River (Baraga and Marquette Counties), from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S18).
- 3) Iron River (Marquette County), from Lake Independence Dam (T51N, R27W, S13) downstream to Lake Superior (T51N, R26W, S18).
- 4) Little Huron River (Marquette County), from unnamed bridge crossing located at the southern border of section 20 (T52N, R29W, S20) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S17).
- 5) Pilgrim River (Houghton County), from Paradise Road (T54N, R33W, S5) downstream to mouth at Portage Lake (T54N, R33W, S7).
- 6) Portage/Torch Lake system (including the Portage River, Portage Canal, North Entry and South Entry, Houghton County).
- 7) Ravine River (Baraga County), from Sicotte Road (T51N, R31W, S2) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S4).
- 8) Silver River (Baraga County), from Silver River Falls (T51N, R32W, S26) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S18).
- 9) Slate River (Baraga County), from Slate River Falls (1/2 mile upstream from Skanee Road T51N, R31W, S9) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S8).

Refuges

The following areas are established as refuge areas for lake trout rehabilitation and shall be closed to the taking, keeping, and sport fishing for lake trout.

1) Lake Michigan (North part)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point (45°30' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude) 7¼ miles due west of the northwest corner of Section 30, T36N, R6W, (Emmet County, Michigan) on the Lake Michigan shoreline; then proceeding due west for 12 miles (to 45°30' north latitude, 85°30' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°35' north latitude, 85°30' west longitude); then proceeding due west for 8 miles (to 45°35' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 11¼ miles (to 45°45' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due west 16 miles (to 45°45' north latitude, 86°00' west longitude); then proceeding due south for 40 miles (to 45°10' north latitude, 86°00' west longitude); then proceeding due east for 8½ miles to (45°10' north latitude, 85°50' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°15' north latitude, 85°50' west longitude); then proceeding due east for 7½ miles (to 45°15' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°20' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due east 16½ miles (to 45°20' north latitude, 85°20' west longitude) then proceeding due north 6 miles (to 45°25' north latitude, 85°20' west longitude); then, proceeding due east 4 miles (to 45°25' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude); then proceeding northerly to the point of beginning (45°30' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude).

2) Lake Michigan (Mid Lake)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point 15 miles (43°40' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude) due west of the half (1/2) section line of Section 25, T15N, R19W, on the Lake Michigan shoreline (Oceana County); then proceeding 14.5 miles due west to the Michigan/Wisconsin boundary; then proceeding southerly along the boundary line to a point (43°03.5' north latitude, 87°05' west longitude) due west of the mouth of the Grand River (T8N, R16W, S30, Ottawa County) on the Lake Michigan shore; then proceeding due east 14 miles (to 43°03.5' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude); and then northerly to the point of beginning (43°40' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude).

3) Lake Huron (North end)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at the southwest corner of Section 17, T41N, R5E (Chippewa County) on the Lake Huron shoreline for the point of beginning and proceeding due south 15 miles (to 45°45' North latitude, 83°50' west longitude), then proceeding due east 8 miles (to 45°45' North latitude, 83°40' west longitude); then proceeding 6 miles due south (to 45°40' North latitude, 83°40' west longitude); then proceeding due east to the Michigan-Ontario border; then proceeding northwesterly and then northeasterly along said border to a point due south of the southeast corner of Section 1, T41N, R7E (Chippewa County), on the said shoreline, and westerly along said shoreline to the point of beginning.

4) Lake Huron (6 Fathom Bank)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point in Lake Huron at 45°00' north latitude, 82°45' E west longitude; then proceeding due east to the international boundary line between the U.S. and Canada; thence in a southeasterly direction to 44°40' north latitude; thence due west to 44°40' north latitude, 82°45' E west longitude; then proceeding due north to the point of beginning.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-200.15A, and is entitled "Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish and Lake Herring Regulations," which became effective April 1, 2015, and is assigned number FO-200.15.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 19 day of March, 2015.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

John Matonich, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh
Director